ent of the Tageblatt, says he is inclined to believe the Russians' resistance is no new offensive, but is made up more of rear-post combats designed to cover the retirement of the main armies for reorganization back of the middle Vistula.

This, he thinks, is particularly the case in southern Poland and Galicia, where the nature of the terrain behind the Russians is such that time must be gained to permit them to reach the position set for reorganization, even at the risk that the rear post troops may not be able to come back.

"Despite all this, says Maj. Moraht, partial successes by the Russians here and there are possible, since they do not hesitate to sacrifice great numbers of men. He doubts whether the Russians have any available fresh troops back of their line.

"An Austrian report indicates that the Carpathians are being cleared gradually of the enemy, but that the latter are stubbornly holding their own in Galicia, where Vienna has no successes to report. On the lower course of the Nida river (southern Russians have been captured.

Cracow Now Deemed Safe.

"The Petrograd correspondent of the London Morning Post reports that Russia has been forced to give up the attempt to take Cracow, and must retire to the inner line of defense on the Warsaw-Vistula front

"According to general headquarters re port of December 25, general quiet pre-vails. East of Festobert the Germans have wrested from the British another nave wrested from the British another part of their fortified positions. Near Chivy, northeast of Vailly, the German troops dislodged a company which had secured a footing in front of the German position. Here 172 French were taken prisoners. The enemy, in an attempt to retake the position, suffered heavy losses. French attacks near Souain, Perthes, northwest of Verdun and west of Apremont have been repulsed."

LIVED IN SAME HOME FOR FIFTY-FOUR YEARS

Mrs. Helen Halley, Eighty-Two Years Old, Dies-Came Here From Scotland.

Mrs. Helen Halley, eighty-two years old, died shortly after 6 o'clock las night at the home in which she lived for fifty-four years, 627 7th street southwest. She resided at the 7th street house when the southwest part of the nity already closed the gift will be city was laid out. Mrs. Halley, who is transferred to others which have not survived by eight children, twenty-four yet been fully provided for. grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, was taken ill about a week ago and died yesterday evening of a com plication of diseases. Funeral services have not been arranged completely, but will be held at the residence Tues-Interment is to be in Congres-

sional cemetery.

Mrs. Halley was born in Dunblane,
Scotland, July 12, 1532. She was Helen
McDougal of Clan McDougal before her
marriage to Mr. Halley. They were
married in Scotland. About 1856 Mr.
Halley came to America Halley came to America, and a year later his wife followed him.

ton for Fifty-Five Years.

years old, real estate dealer and resi- Previously acknowledged, \$611.65;

gaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business on 7th street, between K and L streets northwest. Later he was associated with his son, John Cissel, L. P., \$15; E. J. M., \$1; Plate Printers' in the conduct of the business. It was Union, \$5; no name, \$1.25; E. H., \$1; A.

Mr. Cissel was grand commander of Knights Templar of the District of Columbia in 1908-9, a charter member of De Molay Commandery, No. 4, since G., 50 cents; Disbrow Johnson, 50 cents; B74. He was a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, F. A. A. M., of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, of Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Scottish rite.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Sallie Davis Cissel, three children, John S. Cissell and George W. Cissel of this city and Mrs. Copportunity No. 2—A Spartan

W. Cissel of this city and Mrs. E. Fowler of Bellevue, Pa., sur-

PRESIDENT REMAINS AWAY FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Probably Will Name Members of the Federal Trade Commission

President Wilson continued his

Next Week.

away from the executive offices, which opportunity No. 5-Citizens in the were comparatively free from congressional or other visitors. The Presi-Making. lent worked for some time in his study, finding much to occupy him in the mass of papers awaiting his attention. The President's plan to to keep away from the executive offices as much as possible, during the control of the co from the executive offices as much as possible during the coming week and to dispose of a number of things needing attention, which he could not give when his time was taken up with callers.

The nominations of members of the federal trade commission will probably be ready for the Senate some time next week. This, at least, is the home of the

week. This, at least, is the hope of the President today. There are hundreds of applicants for these positions, and the President is determined he will no name any man whose record is not per-fectly clear to him. He is giving per-sonal attention to the recommenda-tions of the candidates. He has re-ceived much help in classifying the data relating to the candidates from a government official in whom he has confidence, but he puts upon himself the responsibility of the final selec-

DESERVING CASES

Associated Charities to Issue Statement of Donations to "Opportunity" List.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS REPORTED BY MANAGERS

Personal Acknowledgment to Be Made for Each Contribution by a Known Donor.

were received by the Associated Charities to be applied on the fourteen opportunities selected for the charity of he Washington public.

As soon as the office force of the Associated Charities can tabulate these ionations a statement is to be issued of just what was received. It is hought by these workers today that nearly enough will be contributed to take care of all these especially deserving cases.

The spirit in which the fourteen opportunities were received is illustrated n a note received today, containing \$1, which a woman said she had received as a Christmas gift. She asks the address of opportunity 6 that she may visit that other grandmother, adding to her contribution the personal expression of sympathy which gives it tru Christmas flavor.

Her letter in part follows Her letter in part follows:
"I hope you will not refuse the inclosed \$1 for opportunity No. 6, as it was one of my Christmas gifts received last night, so couldn't send it sooner.
Please send the address of No. 6 to—
, as I feel like I would like to know her—another grandmother, three-score years and ten."

Transfers Arranged.

The Associated Charities announce today that in cases where amounts re-ceived are designated for an opportu-

Wherever names and addresses of donors are given the Associated Charities will send a personal acknowledgment, indicating for what opportunity the money is used. In any such cases, when the allotment is not satisfactory to the giver, the society announces that it will be glad to transfer the amount to any other opportunity at the request of the contributor.

\$\frac{12}{2}\$: M. T., \$1; L. H. M. (through The Star), \$1; C. E. G. (through The Star), \$1; C. E. L. White (through The Star), \$2; E. L. White (through The Star), \$2; E. L. White (through The Star), \$2; G., \$1; H. F. C., \$1; G. P. S., \$1; T. C. D., \$1; G., \$3; total, \$176.50.

Opportunity No. 13—A Result of Timely Help. Wherever names and addresses o

Contributions Acknewledged. Contributions acknowledged today

married in Scotland. About 1856 Mr. Halley came to America, and a year later his wife followed him.

They lived for three years in Maryland, when they moved to Washington and took up their residence on the corner of 7th and G streets. Mrs. Halley was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, on 7th street, and was active in charity work.

Her husband, James Halley, who has been employed in the Department of Agriculture for fifty-two years, survives her, as do the following children: James Halley and John E. Halley both of Rapid City, S. D.; Mrs. T. J. Bundiek and Mrs. Orville S. Swank of this city; Mrs. Sarah E. Halley and Miss Margaret J. Halley of this city; Mrs. J. T. Swann of Virginia and Mrs. William J. Jones of St. Louis.

WILLIAM H. H. CISSEL DIES

AT HIS HOME IN THIS CITY

Mrs. J. T. Swann of Virginia and Mrs. William J. Jones of St. Louis.

WILLIAM H. H. CISSEL DIES

AT HIS HOME IN THIS CITY

Prominent in Business and Masonic Circles, and Resident of Washington for Fifty-Five Years. E. C. P., \$1 for No. 10; W. M. B., \$2

Received by The Star.

Contributions to the Christmas op- Philip Prince Peyser, \$5; a. r. end, \$2; G. A. L., \$5; A. C. B., \$1; total, \$85. portunities have been received by The

dent of Washington for fifty-five years, J. A. Evans, for any opportunity, \$5; dent of Washington for fifty-five years, died yesterday at his home, 1618 Hobart street northwest, following an illness of three weeks. Funeral services are to be held at the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, under Masonic auspices. Interment is to be at Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Clssel was born in Howard county, Md., of a distinguished Maryland family, and moved to Washington when he was eighteen years old.

Many Years in Grocery Business.

Mr. Cissel was for many years entertained.

Mr. Cissel was for many years en- opportunity No. 1-Eyes for the Blind. Previously acknowledged, \$271.20; C

one of the first and largest grocery J. A., \$5; cash, \$1; Rev. and Mrs. H. J. houses in northwest Washington and catered to a very large patronage in the old "Northern Liberty" section of the city. S5: A. V. Reed (pledge), \$10; C. E. T., the city.

Mr. Cissel was grand commander of \$1; L. H. M., \$2; R. B. E., F. D. E., \$1;

Mr. Cissel was grand commander of \$1; C. F. G. 50 cents; Disbrow Johnson, 50 cents; W. S. D., \$5; right hand, \$2; E. L. White, \$1; T. W. N., \$1; A. G. D., \$4; C. T. P., \$1; G. W. H., \$2; cash, \$1; cash, \$2; R. B., \$5; S. H., \$2; J. P. McG., \$5; L. V. L., \$1; R. F. E., \$5; F. S. B., \$1.^2 A. C. F., \$1; J. H. G., \$2; T. C. D., \$1; U., \$3.65; total, \$520.35. Closed.

Opportunity No. 2-A Spartan

Total amount received, \$223.50. Oversubscribed, \$15.50. Closed. Opportunity No. 3-Fourteen-Year-

Old Hero. Previously acknowledged, \$272; cash, 50 cents; total, \$272.50. Oversubscribed, \$12.50. Closed.

Apportunity No. 4-Let's All Back

Previously acknowledged, \$119; A. C. H. President Wilson continued his \$2.50; F. H. R.-W. F. B., 15 cents; total, Christmas holiday today by remaining \$121.65. Oversubscribed, \$17.65. Closed.

> Previously acknowledged, \$416.50; J. G. W., \$1: Plate Printers' Union, \$10; E. M. \$15; cash, \$1; M. G. G., \$5; M. S. M., \$5

Opportunity No. 6-Our Friend Mrs. Wiggs Again. of industry

Previously acknowledged, \$120.75; Mrs. W. K. M., \$5; Plate Printers' Union, \$5; Ladies of Public Library, \$2; F. F., \$25; M. G. G., \$5; K., \$2; M. B. S., \$100; total, \$264.75. Oversubscribed, \$4.75. Closed. Opportunity No. 7-The Brim of the

Opportunity No. 8-Never Say Die. Previously acknowledged, \$116; Plate Printers' Union, \$5; N. L., \$5; M. G. G., \$5; E. T., \$5; D. W. B., \$1; J. M. C., \$2; \$5; E. T., \$5; D. W. B., \$1; J. M. C., \$2; Mrs. W. M., \$1; L. H. M., \$1; F. W. McR., \$3; C. E. G., 50 cents; Disbrow Johnson, 50 cents; right hand, \$3; T. W. M., \$1; R. C. H., \$5; B. L. H., \$3; T. L. D., \$1.50; A. C. F., \$1; J. H. G., \$1; T. C. D., \$1; no name, \$1; R., \$1; J. T. W., \$1; total, \$155 5a

Opportunity No. 9-Enforced Sepa ration.

Previously acknowledged, \$195; H. F. ., \$39; H. C. H., \$2.50; Plate Printers Union, \$5; R. E. J., \$1; Mrs. W. A. S pleuge), \$100; E. T., \$10; Rev. and Mrs. H. J. B., \$5; A. M. T., \$3; J. M. C., \$2; H. J. B., \$5; A. M. T., \$3; J. M. C., \$2; L. H. M., \$1; cash, \$1; Joel Hilman, \$5; C. E. G., 50 cents; Disbrow Johnson, 50 cents; right hand, \$3; T. W. M., \$1; a sympathizer, \$2; M. J. S., \$1.50; M. A. T., \$1; M. E. B., \$1; H. M. S., \$10; O. L. S., \$10; R. M. R., \$3; T. B. W., \$1; J. L. D., \$1.50; cash, \$6; A. C. F., \$1; J. H. G., \$1; f. C. D., \$1; Dr. E. A. C. (pledge), \$5; S. R. de M., \$1; F. L. N., \$1; S. M. W., \$1; A. W., \$1; cash, \$1; R., \$1; H. L. R., \$4; M. G., \$1; S. L. G., \$2.50; S. M., \$1; E. H., \$1; A. W., \$1; cash, \$1; F. G., \$10; total, \$146.

Opportunity No. 10—A Homemaker at All Odds.

Previously acknowledged, \$140.50; C. I G., \$20; cash, 50 cents; E. M. (pledge), \$1; Plate Printers' Union, \$5; J. C., \$2; Miss \$2; P. D., \$5; E. O. M., \$3; Mac., \$1 E. H., \$2; L. H. M. (through The Star), \$1; C. E. G. (through The Star), 50 cents; Disbrow Johnson (through The Star), 50 cents; right hand (through The Star), \$2; T. W. M. (through The Star), \$1; W. P. M., \$1; C. E. W., \$1; Mrs. G. I., \$10; Delta class, \$3; J. B. R., \$10; G. R., \$5; M. F. W., \$1; no name, \$2; Mr. W. A. E., \$2; G. B. P., \$10; J. H. G., \$1; T. C. D., \$1; R., \$1; total, \$235. E. H., \$2; L. H. M. (through The Star)

Opportunity No. 11-Reporting Dividends on Last Year's Invest-

memory of one gone beyond, \$3; Plate Printers' Union, \$5; Employes weather ureau, \$4.10; J. M. C., \$2; National bureau, \$4.10; J. M. C., \$2; National Hotel, \$1; Mrs. W. M., \$1; C. P. S. (through The Star), \$3; L. H. M. (through The Star), \$1; C. E. G. (through The Star), 50 cents; Disbrow Johnson (through The Star), 50 cents; right hand (through The Star), \$2; T. W. M. (through The Star), \$1; J. H. G., \$1; T. C. D., \$1; S. M. W., \$1; R., \$1; S. B. S., \$1; Miss R. R., \$1; The Wyoming, \$5; total, \$161.69. Opportunity No. 12-Neutrality in

Charity. Previously acknowledged, \$155.50; Plate Printers' Union, \$5; A. B. H., \$2; E. D., \$2; M. T., \$1; L. H. M. (through The

Previously acknowledged, \$102.50; in nemoriam A. M., \$5; Plate Printers' Union, \$5: A. G. P., \$1: H. S. W., \$5 anonymous, \$1; C. H. O., \$10; E. T., \$10; B. B., \$2; L. H. M. (through The Star), \$2; C. E. G. (through The Star), 50 cents; Disbrow Johnson (through The

Opportunity No. 14-Deserted. Previously acknowledged, \$110.50; in Printers' Union, \$5; A. J. P., \$5; H. S. C., \$5, C. C. K., \$5, E. B. M., \$1, B. S. J., \$5, L. H. M. (through The Star), \$1, C. E. G. (through The Star), 50 cents; Disbrow Johnson (through The Star), 50 cents; right hand (through The Star), \$2; T. W. M. (through The Star), \$1; T. H. G., \$1; J., \$1; T. C. D., \$1; E. E., \$1; F. H. E., \$5; total, \$160.

Undesignated. Previously acknowledged, \$29; F. H. B. W. F. B., \$2; Mrs. F., \$2; friend P. O. dept., \$5; R. K., \$10; R. B. E.-F. D. E., \$2; L. S. C., \$5; M. L. K., \$5; Mrs. G. G. Anderson, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hill, \$2;

BURNED IN EXPLOSION.

Mrs. Mary A. Wefers Has Slight Chance of Recovery.

Mrs. Mary A. Wefers, who conducts a feather-cleaning establishment on the third floor of a building at 7th and F streets northwest, is in a serious con dition at Emergency Hospital as a result of having been burned this morn

ing.

*Mrs. Wefers is said to have been using gasoline, and that in some unknown manner it exploded, setting fire to her clothing. Persons in the building heard the explosion and also her cries for help. They rescued her, and the fire department was called to the place. Mrs. Wefers' clothing was almost entirely burned off before the flames could be extinguished.

It was stated at the hospital that she has but a slight chance for recovery. But slight damage was done to the building. building.

Suicide Is Philadelphia Boy. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 26.

The body of the young man who committed suicide in a hotel here Thursday has been identified as that of Richard Parody, jr., nineteen years old, of this city. Although he had sent of this city. Although he had sent his photograph to a local newspaper and written that he was a Spanish multi-millionaire and a bull fighter, his father states that he was born in Philadelphia. He lived here with his father and two sisters, one of whom identified the body. The boy had been acting queerly recently, according to his father. his father.

Alleged Gambling Trust in Chicago. CHICAGO, December 26 .- A gambling 'trust" which makes a net profit of \$1,000,000 a year and which pays \$15,000 protection money every week to members of the Chicago police department exists in Chicago, it has been charged exists in Chicago, it has been charged before the Merriam crime commission. Mont Tennes was declared to be the head of the ring by Edwin W. Altz, who testified regarding gambling conditions in the city. Altz said that policemen received \$50 for each handbook operated and that 300 of these were scattered throughout the city. He said only books controlled by Tennes were allowed by the police.

Inquiry Regarding Ocean Shipping. Secretary McAdoo has issued a statement calling upon all shippers who

have been affected by high ocean freight rates and scarcity of vessels to send facts to the Treasury or Com-merce departments. Letters already re-ceived, the Secretary said, show that the scarcity of vessels is so great and the freight charges are so high that American foreign trade is being seri-ously handicapped. The Treasury and Commerce departments are investi-gating ocean freight rates under a Sen-ate resolution. to send facts to the Treasury or Com-

Steamer Hampstead Little Damaged. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December 26. -A survey of the British steamer Melting Pot.

Melting Pot.

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Previously acknowledged, \$120; Plate for in No. 3 hold Thursday afternoon, showed that the vessel was not damaged seriously and the only loss is ten was found dead in a little room made of rough boards, where he had lived for years alone.

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State of cotton which were burned. The Hampstead, which arrived here with fire in No. 3 hold Thursday afternoon.

\$3; A. C. T., \$1; J. H. G., \$1; a coachman, \$1; T. C. D., \$1; O. R. C., \$4; U., \$53; ITALY, WITH AN ARMED FORCE, total, \$280. Closed. OCCUPIES AVLONA, IN ALBANIA

Announced Purpose Is to Put Down Anarchy and Guard Rights on the Adriatic.

part of Italy to occupy interior points, but is merely intended to prevent anarchy on the opposite coast of the Adriatic, which is but a few hours from Italian territory. The occupation occurred vesterday Several districts of Albania are in

state of rebellion against any authority, Essad Pasha, the Turkish ruler, apparently having lost his hold on the people.

Object of Occupation.

The semi-official announcement say that the only object of the occupation is to cut short constant annoyances from open or concealed enemies, besides upholding Italian interestsnamely, not to allow Avlona to fall into the hands of any naval power. I into the hands of any naval power. It is understood that the Italian government "intends to safeguard these political, commercial and ethnographical interests without arrogance, but without weakness, and also without being distracted from the graver issues arising from the European conflict.

For some time the situation in Albania has been grave. Several districts have rebelled altogether against any authority and have become prey to the worst form of anarchy. Conditions have been rendered more grave by famine.

worst form of anarchy. Conditions have been rendered more grave by famine. The scarcity of food has been brought about through the absolute isolation of Albania owing to the state of war existing on the Adriatic, while Albania is bounded by two belligerent countries, Servia and Montenegro, which, together with Austria, have absorbed all available provisions which Albania had stored. The price of food has increased 210 per cent and in addition the quality of cereals is bad, causing serious epidemics.

Revolt Against Essad Pasha Especially in the interior, discontent reached such proportions that Essad carried out.

ROME, December 26.—Italy has oc- Pasha lost all power. He saw his ad-cupled Avlona, the Albanian scaport. herents gradually vanish, his troops It is semi-officially announced that become reduced to a few thousand this action implies no purpose on the Even the people of his birthplace, Tirana, always his stronghold, rebelled killing his friends and sacking and burning his residence. Essad, feeling unsafe at Durazzo, went to Krola unsafe at Durazzo, went to Kroia (Akhissar) hoping there to rally sufficient troops to defeat his enemies. In South Albania those in sympathy with Austria, Turkey and Greece, resenting the Italian influence at Avlona through the occupation of Saseno, the Gre k island to the north of the Bay of Avlona, combined and, it is stated, had begun an agitation in preparation for disorders when the Italian consultasked for the protection of Italian sailors. The marines landed from the battleship Sardegna and were received by the population with great enthusiasm. The force occupied strategical points in the town. in the town.

Prey to Civil War.

Recent dispatches from Athens by way of Paris said that anarchy reign-Avlona, and that the region around the Albanian seaport was a are opposed to the Jones bill now prey to civil war. Partisans of Kemal pending in the Senate.

Bey last month forced the government These reports, the commissioners Bey last month forced the government

inhabitants and restored the Turkish flag.

Italian naval forces occupied Aviona October 26, but the expedition was in the nature of a relief and sanitary organization which purposed to aid the large population which had taken refuge in the city to escape the persecutions of the insurgents. Everything was done by the Italian government to remove from the expedition anything savoring of political or territorial occupation. Pains were taken to show that the steps taken by Italy were merely for the purpose of seeing that the decision of the London conference cvreating an autonomous Albania was carried out.

GERMAN AIRMAN PAYS CHRISTMAS VISIT TO THE COAST OF ENGLAND

LONDON, December 26.-The war office issued the following last night: "A hostile aeroplane was sighted today at 12:55. It was flying very high from east to west over Sheerness. Opportunity No. 13-A Result of British air craft went up in pursuit and engaged the enemy, who, after being hit three or four times, was driven off seaward. SHEERNESS, December 25, via Lon-

don, December 26 .- A German aeroplane was sighted off South End today. The weather was misty and the machine

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, England, December 25, via London, December 26.—
The spectacle of a fight in the air, witnessed Christmas afternoon by thousands of spectators, was one which ten years ago would have been considered one of the wildest imaginings of fiction.

Three aeroplanes, one a German and two British, were flying overhead at seventy miles an hour, almost a mile high in the air. The German Taube was moving more swiftly than the others, which swung above it. The British were spitting fire, while the German was unable to reply on account of the strategic position of her pursuers.

When the German first came in sight the anti-aircraft guns fired several shots,

The weather was misty and the machine was flying at a great height at high speed. Several rounds were fire from anti-air craft guns, apparently without hitting the German, but navel aeroplanes soon chased the intruder, who disappeared. Many thousands of people flocked to the sea front to witness the affair.

Later three British aeroplanes tried to outflank the German machine, but the latter was flying too fast and disappeared to the eastward. The weather was misty at sea, but comparatively clear on land. Nothing has been heard regarding the dropping of any bombs.

POPE SPENDS CHRISTMAS **SEEKING TO AID PRISONERS**

ROME, December 26 .- Pope Benedict devoted the greater part of Christman

his efforts to lessen the cruelties of the as an officer of the greatest value.

FRENCH SUBMARINE SUNK BY AUSTRIANS, IS REPORT

PARIS, December 26.-The Italian press states, according to advices to the Matin, that a French submarine pelonging to the fleet of Vice Admiral Lapeyrere has been sunk while attempting to torpedo Austrian battle- martial in Constantinople is not the ships in the Austrian naval base of Pola. The crew, it is stated, were rescued and taken prisoners.

Savannah Department Store Burns.

MAJ. HALDAL DE LYS PRAISED FOR BRAVERY

entioned in dispatches from the front of wounded prisoners.

After religious service he spent some time with relatives. He expressed great satisfaction over the many messages he has received, especially from America, giving strong adherence to his efforts to lessen the cruelties of the least of the lea is Maj. Haldal de Lys, a descendant of

NOT OF THE LEGATION.

Greek Sentenced to Die in Constantinople Rated Petty Officer.

LONDON, December 26 .- Reuter's cor respondent at Athens transmits an anuncement made there that the Greek who was sentenced to death by a courtnaval attache of the Greek legation, but as the attache's orderly.

An Athens dispatch December 17 said Savannah Department Store Burns.

Savannah Department Store Burns.

Savannah Ga., December 26.—Fire which burned for five hours in the business section here early today destroyed the department store of Marcus & Co. and damaged the adjoining dry goods establishment of S. Mirsky. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

An Athens dispatch December 17 said that a Greek naval officer attached to the Greek legation at Constantinople had been condemned to death on the charge of spying, particularly in connection with the departure of steam-ships from Constantinople. The Greek light of the Condemned man be turned over to the Greek legation.

Mutual Service

The enterprising merchant who publishes the daily news of his store in The Star confers a service to his patrons and the public.

Readers of The Star appreciate that the first news of the bargains is almost invariably found in The Star. They also know The Star's advertising columns are clean and free from fraudulent announcements and misleading statements.

It is this confidence and mutual respect be-

tween the storekeeper and Star readers that make it profitable for the one to make his announcements in The Star and for the other to make his purchases from reading The Star.

WEEKLY CIRCULATION STATEMENT.

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	1914.		
Saturday,	December	19	70,301
Sunday,	December	20	53,737
Monday,	December	21	72,561
Tuesday,	December	22	71,547
Wednesday,	December	23	70,170
Thursday,	December	24	62,467
Friday,	December	25	55,358

AFFIDAVIT.

I solemnly swear that the above statement represents only the number of copies of THE EVENING AND SUNDAY STAR circulated during the seven days ended December 25, 1914—that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnished or mailed, for valuable consideration, to bona fide purchasers or subscribers—and that the copies so counted are not returnable to or do not remain in the office unsold, except in the case of papers sent to out-of-town agents only, from whom a few returns of unsold papers have not yet been received.

FLEMING NEWBOLD,

Business Manager, Business Manager, The Evening Star Newspaper Company.

District of Columbia, ss.:
Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty-sixth day of December, A.D. 1914. E. E. RAMEY, Notary Public.

STORY DEPRECATED

Native Commissioners to U.S. Declare Reports Are Inspired by Business Men.

PSYCHOLOGICALLY TIMED TO DEFEAT JONES BILL

Quezon and Earnshaw Declare Small Police Cases Are Exaggerated to Influence Public Opinion.

Manuel L. Quezon and Manuel Earn-States, who are resident a. Washing-House of Representatives, today made and insurrection which are coming Bosnia to Servia. from the Philippine Islands almost daily are inspired by American business men in the islands and others who

to haul down the Turkish flag and hoist the Albanian colors. Essad Pasha, the commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces in Albania, then sent 500 soldiers to Avlona and they disarmed the inhabitants and restored the Turkish flag. archipelago. archipelago.

Mr. Earnshaw has just returned from the Philippines, where he said today he went to investigate conditions and where, he declared, he found "everything highly satisfactory," from the Filipino point of view.

Denies Truth of Report.

"There is no truth in the report cabled to this country," Mr. Earnshaw said, "that Ricarte, the former general of the Philippine army, who refused to take the oath of allegiance to the United States and was exiled by Forbes, when the latter was governor general, has now returned to the Philippines, has now returned to the Philippines, and is organizing a society Ricarte, stirring up revolt. The fact is that Ricarte is living in Hong-Kong."

Speaking for Mr. Earnshaw as well as himself, Mr. Quezon said:

"This is the least probable of any time for a possible revolution in the Philippine Islands. It is certain from the reports I am constantly receiving.

the reports I am constantly receiving from the speaker of the Philippine as-sembly and others that Harrison is the sembly and others that Harrison is the most popular governor general the islands have ever had. He is the only governor general who has ever got his appropriation bills through the Philippine assembly by unanimous vote, and this happened again this year as well as last.

"As the Philippine Commissioners resident at Washington, we deprecate the publication of these startling cablegrams from the islands, declaring that

the publication of these startling cable-grams from the islands, declaring that there is revolt and revolution there, and we do not believe this alleged news to be based on fact.

"We are convinced that American business men as well as foreigners resident in the Philippines, who object to independence, and who prefer to continue to do business under the American flag, are furnishing these wild reports to the newspaper men in the Philippines, and exaggerating them, and that because of the fact that the Jones bill is pending in the Senate

the Jones bill is pending in the Senate now, ordinary, small police cases are made to assume proportions out of all

No Charge of Organized Plot. "We do not charge that there is any organized plot by American business men in the Philippines to prevent the passage of the Jones bill, but we do know that they would be glad to see it defeated.
"Ever since the beginning of the pres

intention of this administration to extend independence to the Filipino people.

"We admit that there may be some little disturbances in the Philippines, but these are small police cases, and it would, in fact, be impossible to arouse the whole Philippine people, or any great proportion of them. There is not enough reason among the Filipinos for a revolution.

"A real revolutionary movement can only take place when a people are actually under oppression. The Philipipine people are not oppressed. They never were as happy as now.

"It is unfortunate that these rumors should be published. They can and may produce a bad effect in the Philipipines. A small riot, caused by a local issue, may grow. Public opinion here in the United States might demand that harsh measures be used to suppress such a riot. Then there would be discontent among the Philippine people, and they might be aroused and eventually do rash things. That is what happened during the Spanish regime. Small police cases had big results.

European War Hurts Revenues.

"Things are bad enough in the Philippines without making them any worse. Owing to the war on the other side of the world our revenues have been down about 50 per cent, although they are picking up now. Most of our customs revenues, of course, come from the importation into the Philippines of European goods, and as Europe is not shipping goods now, we lose by it. American goods, of course, come in duty free. Then, too, we cannot sell anything to Europe at this time, so we lose that way, also."

The commissioners spoke of their well known views in favor of Philippine independence. Speaking particularly with regard to the present percentage of educated people in the islands, Mr. Quezon said:

"That is a matter of controversy. The census of 1903 gave us a percentage of fifty-five illiterates. That representation, however, included practically only the people educated in the Spanish schools. The census was taken before the American schools had had opportunity to have effect. From that date to this the report of the bureau of education shows that more than 3,000,000 been down about 50 per cent, although

ucation shows that more than 3,000 000 children have been educated in Eng-iish, and I should say that today about 70 per cent of the Philippine people are educated to at least some degree."

FINDS OFFICE AFIRE. Callos Blackwell Extinguishes Blaze

at Department of Labor Building. An early arrival at the Departmen of Labor building at 17th street and Pennsylvania avenue had a chance to play fireman this morning when a fire started in the office of H. A. Stevens private secretary to Assistant Secretary

Callos Blackwell, Mr. Post's messen Callos Blackwell, Mr. Post's messenger, arrived at the department about \$:30 o'clock, and a few minutes after opening the offices he smelled smoke and went to Mr. Stevens' office, where he found a fire eating its way up the woodwork of the window from the floor to the ceiling. A chair also was on fire, as was the carpet, the curtain and a picture on the wall. Blackwel lost no time in getting to work. With the aid of a fire estinguisher and a cloth for smothering he extinguished the blaze without calling out the fire department.

Charles J. Philbin, general sales man ager for a brewing company, died a his home in Baltimore, after being it ten days, of heart trouble. He war fifty-two years old and is survived by a widow and three children.

PHILIPPINES REVOLT DENIES RUSSIA IS MAKING FAMINE AND COLD **OVERTURES TO GERMANY**

Ambassador Bakhmeteff Calls Report Absurd and Untrue-Austria Not Seeking Peace.

The Russian ambassador, Mr. Bakhmeteff, has emphatically denied published reports that overtures for peace between Russia and Germany were under way. He said the report was absurd on its face and without foun-

dation in fact. Dr. Constantin Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, also has issued statement denying as absolutely unfounded published reports that Austria-Hungary has made unofficial peace overtures to the allies. The statement

says: "The Paris press spread from time to time news of Austria-Hungary or Hungary alone being tired of the war and Philippine Islands to the United longing for peace. The latest report alleges that Austria has made unoffi ton and have seats on the floor of the cial peace overtures to the allies through Vienna bankers upon the basis the charge that the reports of revolt of the cession of Galicia to Russia and

Calls Rumors Misleading.

"The Austro-Hungarian ambassador wishes to contradict these rumors as citizens of San Antonio, Tex. He apabsolutely unfounded and misleading public opinion in the United States. Without speaking of the article of the Star, declared, "are psychologically treaty of the dual alliance of 1879, acpromise of ultimate independence to support each other with their whole articles and makes immediate changes in the organic law of the only conjointly were and to conclude only conjointly were as a constant of the only conjointly were as a conjugate of the only conjointly were as a conjugate of the only conjuga cording to which Germany and Auspending in the Eenate extends the tria-Hungary engage themselves to changes in the organic law of the only conjointly peace, every consideration of honor and self-interest prevents Austria-Hungary from breaking from her ally and entering into negotiations for a separate peace.

"The cession of Galicia and Bosnia could only be agreed upon after a crushing defeat of the dual monarchy an eventuality which happily does not correspond to the actual situation on the battlefields. It is not improbable that with the authors of these rumors the wish is father to the thought."

PROBABLY UNDER \$4,000

Red Cross Seals Receipts, 1914, Apparently Less Than in 1913.



Although final returns cannot be lefinitely made public at this time, it appears that the results of the sale of which are to be utilized in the fight against tuberculosis, will be well under

the total reached in 1913.

So far \$2,800 has come in from the sales and, according to Mrs. Theodora North McLaughlin, in charge of the Washington distribution, it is not likely now that a sum approaching the \$4,000 of last year will be received. The falling off is explained by the fact that so very many appeals have been coming since August to the friends of the Red Cross due to its European war relief work, as well as to the supporters of all American charities and benevolences, due either directly or indirectly to the same cause. However, the sum likely to be gained, it is announced, will enable the great fight to be carried on at least as strongly as before during the coming year, the sales in 1913 having rather exceeded expectathe total reached in 1913. will enable the great fight to be carried on at least as strongly as before during the coming year, the sales in 1913 having rather exceeded expectations

ICE SKATERS PLANNING FOR SPORT ON THE BASIN

Surface to Be Cleared of Snow So Enthusiasts May Enjoy "Rink" Today and Tomorrow.

Several Washington devotees of ice skating are planning to enjoy the sport on the basin this afternoon. At the request of a number of the ice skating enthusiasts, officials of the government have made arrangements to have the basin cleared of snow, so that skaters may use it today and tomorrow. The ice there is reported to be between four and five inches thick. If enough interest seems to be aroused

in the plan for this winter sport for

Washingtonians, an organization may be formed. In the meantime it is hoped by those who have started the movementa nucleus from the old Washington Ice Skating Association—that funds for keeping the basin in good condition, and possibly furnishing music, may be raised. In order to put the "rink" in good con dition for this afternoon, the assistance of Col. W. W. Harts, superintendent of public buildings and grounds; Maj. Kutz, Engineer Commissioner of the District; Supt. J. W. Paxton, head of the street clean.ng department, and Supt. Todd, head of the District repair shops, was enlisted. Workmen were put to work to clear away the snow, and it is hoped to have a large, smooth stretch of ice on which safe skating may be had clear for this afternoon and tomorrow.

WHITMAN TAKES THE OATH.

Unwilling Governorship Should Be Vacant Even Half a Day. NEW YORK, December 26 .- District

attorney Charles S. Whitman today

ock the oath of office as Governor of New York before Presiding Justice ngraham of the appellate division of the supreme court.

It was announced that the unusual

proceeding of taking the oath now nstead of publicly at Albany on January 1, as has been the custom with nost governors, was due to Mr. Whitnan's theory that there should be no nterim between the surrender of the flice by one governor at the expiration of his term, midnight, December 31, and the assumption of office by his sucessor, usually at noon the next day.

Walking along a street in Wilmington, Del., Dr. Willard Dickinson of Freensboro, Caroline county, Md., sudienly dropped dead on the pavement. Death was attributed to heart failure. He was born at Trappe, Md., sixty years ago.

STALK IN MEXICO

Reports of Suffering Confirmed by Agents of U. S.

AMERICAN RED CROSS IS NOTIFIED OF NEEDS

Government.

Food and Warm Clothing Appealed For-Distribution Station

at Monterey.

The report of great suffering in Mexico through insufficient supply of food nd warm clothing is confirmed by the American Red Cross, on advices received from agents of the United States government in several of the large cen-

Consul General Hanna at Monterey has established a food distribution station in the Mexican Monterey Hospital, and is receiving some supplies from peals to the American Red Cross for ,000 mankets and for foodstuffs.

Admiral Howard, in command of the Pacific fleet, has received from the Red Cross and distributed to 800 poor fami-

Shortage Is "Alarming." The cable message from Consul Gen-

ral Hanna is as follows: "There is an alarming shortage of

beans, rice and staple food supplies. I have purchased about fifteen hundred bushels of shelled corn, such

pines. I have purchased about fifteen hundred bushels of shelled corn, such as the Mexicans use for making tortillas, which is the principal food of the poor people. The ladies and citizens of San Antonio, Tex., have sent me a carload of food and clothing. I have use of the large Mexican Monterey Hospital as a supply and distribution station. Several outlying towns are appealing to me for help. If the winter keeps cold there will be great suffering from hunger and cold. I need 2,000 cheap blankets. After four years of war this whole country is short of food. I will make all supplies and money go as far as possible."

That there is additional suffering in many parts of Mexico is evident from other information received by the Red Cross. The consul at Matamoras confirms the appeal made by Mrs. Hendrix through The Star, in which she said: "The conditions in Europe which shock the civilized world have existed here against our borders for four years, unconsidered. Mexico is peopled with widows and orphans and famine is in the land. At first it reached us only as a rumor from remote places, but now it is present in our midst, on both sides of the Rio Grande. One sees it daily in emaciated forms, shrunken cheeks, tightly drawn skin and burning eyer, of the Rio Grande. One sees it daily in emaciated forms, shrunken cheeks, tightly drawn skin and burning eyes, sees it in the faces of women, old men and little children. Many have died on American soil during the past year, ostensibly from obscure diseases, but actually from starvation, and there are hundreds of children who have never had sufficient food in their pitiful little lives. That is the heart-breaking tragedy of it all—the quiet, unsmilling children who sit silently at the doors of huts through the long hours of the long days. The sound of laughter and playing children is stilled in Mexico.

Are at End of Endurance.

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"They have endured much, but now has been reached the end of even their stoicism, and from the east and the west and the south comes a cry of

PAY NAMED: NONE PROVIDED.

Commissioner of Glacier National Park in Odd Position. C. N. Davidson, commissioner of the Glacier National Park, as a resident

within the park complies with the law and would be entitled to the salary prescribed by law—but!

It appears that Congress determined the amount of salary that this park commissioner should receive, but failed to set aside, by appropriation, any money to meet it. So the controller of the Treasury, George E. Downey, decides that Commissioner Davidson is entitled to the salary, but cannot be paid. Also, while there is an appropriation available to provide office room for his duties, there is no money that can be used for his living quarters. scribed by law-but!

HOUSEBREAKING IS CHARGE.

William H. Gross and John Brown, Colored, Held for Grand Jury. William H. Gross and John Brown, colored, were given preliminary hear-ings in the Police Court today on a charge of housebreaking. Gross was held for the action of the grand jury

in \$1,000 bonds and Brown in \$500 bonds. bonds.

Gross, who was arrested by Detective O'Brien, was charged with breaking into the home of Ralph R. Lee, 1823 Ontario road, on the night of November 26 and with stealing jewelry valued at \$165. He denied the charge, Brown was charged with entering the home of Mattie Thompson, 626 North Central street. Capitol street.

Canal Pilotage Not U. S. Revenues. Pilotage at the ports of the Panama canal is "compensation for service renlered," and as such the receipts are required to be credited to the governnent appropriations from which payment for the services of pilots were originally made. George E. Downey, controller of the Treasury, in this decision, overrules the auditor for the War Department, who construed such receipts as properly covered into the public treasury as "revenues" of the government.

Held on Robbery Charge.

John Vanri, colored, was held for the action of the grand jury in \$2,000 bonds today in the Police Court on a charge of robbery. The colored man was charged with robbing Mary Jackson of 716 Euclid street northwest of son or 416 Euclid street northwest of a pair of eyeglasses while in a 7th street store Christmas eve. He denied the charge. Detective Messer testified he saw Vanri put his hand in Miss Jackson's coat pocket and that he grabbed his hand and discovered a case containing the glasses in it.

John A. Kracht, a well known baker, at Towson, Md., is dead. He was born in Germany and came to this country fifty years ago. He was sixty-three years old.